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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (100 - 438194) DATE: 1-15-68

FROM : SA [redacted] New York (100-149194)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF SCLC
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Date of Bureau deadline: 1-16-68

Reason for the delinquency: EXPEDITE COVERAGE BULLETINS ON 54688 73518, 80514
NY FILE 100-153751 "STOKELY CARMICHAEL"

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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Report on above captioned organization should be submitted to reach Bureau by January 30, 1968. If this deadline is not met, submit explanations.

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NOTE:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 1/25/68

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-812) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COUNCIL SCLC
IS-C

Re Atlanta airtel 12/15/67 requesting that the Tampa office furnish a result of indices check of BERNARD LaFAYETTE.

The files of the Tampa office reflect the following information concerning BERNARD LaFAYETTE.

"The Tampa Times", a daily newspaper published in Tampa, Florida in the issue of July 11, 1960 contained an article indicating that a group of seven Negroes had asked the Mayor of Tampa, Florida on July 11, 1960 to integrate the playgrounds of Tampa or close them altogether to relieve what they called a "tense situation". According to the article, the spokesman for the group was listed as BERNARD LaFAYETTE, 4023 East Louisiana, Tampa, Florida.

Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 8/19/60 captioned "Congress of Racial Equality, aka, Racial Matters" Bufile 100-225882 contained information indicating that the Miami Herald of 8/17/60 in an article captioned "Sit-In Trainees are from all over United States" reflected that BERNARD LaFAYETTE of Tampa, a Baptist Ministerial student was attending a three week inter-racial training institute sponsored for the Congress of Racial Equality. In the article, LaFAYETTE was quoted as stating, "only through integration can we gain racial equality ...'Separate but equal' hasn't worked...".

Miami airtel 8/19/60 mentioned above reflects that "the Miami Herald" of August 10, 1960 contained an article captioned " 17 sit-in trainees jailed here". The article reflects that 17 White and Negro college students who were in Miami for training as sit-in demonstrators had been arrested when they tried to eat at a Miami restaurant. The article reflects that among those arrested was BERNARD LaFAYETTE who had been arrested by the Miami PD on August 7, 1960 as a result of a sit-in demonstration in Miami, Florida.

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Page five of this letter indicates that BERNARD LAFAYETTE is a colored male, 5'8½, 117 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, born July 29, 1940 at Tampa, Florida. His occupation is listed as student. His father's name was listed as BERNARD LaFAYETTE, Sr., Mother: VERDELL FOSTER. [redacted]

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The Tampa Tribune in the issue of July 19, 1961, contained an article captioned, "Tampan Convicted in Jackson Race Strife". The article which contained the dateline Jackson, Miss., July 18, indicates that BERNARD LaFAYETTE, age 20 of Tampa, Florida, was one of the two leaders of the Jackson Non-Violent movement who had been convicted by City Judge JAMES SPENCER on one count of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and sentenced to six months in jail and a $500.00 fine. LaFAYETTE and the other leader, JAMES LUTHER BEVEL were accused of enticing a 16 year old Negro to sit-in at a drug store lunchcounter on July 11, 1961. The article further reflects that at the time of the sit-in, LaFAYETTE and BEVEL were out of jail on $500.00 bond pending an appeal of their conviction of Breach of Peace charges as "Freedom Riders". BEVEL and LaFAYETTE according to the article were in the first group of riders to attempt to desegregate Jackson transportation facilities on May 24, 1961 and both drew $200.00 fines and suspended 60 day sentences.

Atlanta attention is directed to Chicago letters 7/28/66, 9/30/66, and 10/14/66 in case captioned, BERNARD LaFAYETTE, aka COLIA LaFAYETTE, aka IS-C.

On 12/12/66, the records of the Tampa PD and the HCSO were reviewed by IC [redacted] and no record could be located for BERNARD LaFAYETTE. The records of the credit bureau of Tampa were reviewed by IC [redacted] on 12/12/66 and contained no record identifiable with BERNARD LaFAYETTE, Jr. [redacted]

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The files of the Tampa office further reflect that BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR., was the victim in a civil rights investigation, office of origin, Mobile in 1964. LAFAYETTE, while working in Selma, Alabama, as a Field Secretary for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee reported in June, 1963, that he was assaulted one night by two unknown subjects. Subsequent investigation reflected that LAFAYETTE could be located through the American Friends Service Committee, 431 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois where he was employed as Urban Affairs Director.

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Report of: S[redacted] Office: ATLANTA

Date: January 23, 1968

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Field Office File #: [illegible] Bureau File #: 100-436784

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF classification DATE 1/9/78 RJS

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: National Headquarters, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. Offices maintained in Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York, and representatives in Grenada, Miss.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Louisville, Kentucky, and Washington, D. C. Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., continues to serve as President, SCLC. Identity of officers, Executive Board and Executive Staff members, and field representatives set forth. Changes in personnel set forth. [redacted] major projects of SCLC, including Washington Spring Project, [illegible] and position re Vietnam War set forth. STANLEY LEVISON and BARBARA WACHTEL active in SCLC [redacted] Reverend KING continues to be in contact with them. CARL ROOKER managed arrangements for SCLC's 10th Anniversary Convention [redacted] JAMES PEAKS, BAYLORD L. FLACKWELL, LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, LEVISON, CORDY T. WRIGHT, and WACHTEL have participated in SCLC conferences. HARRY BELAFONTE has assisted in SCLC benefits. LEVISON conferred with Reverend KING and other SCLC officers January 1968 regarding forthcoming WSP. ROSEL WILLIAMS continues as Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC. Date of operations and the affiliations of BELAFONTE, BERGL, FLACKWELL, ROOKER, LEVISON, REDDICK, PEAKS, WACHTEL, and WILLIAMS set forth.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter has been directed solely to determining the extent of communist infiltration in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Investigation has not been concerned with the legitimate Civil Rights activities of SCLC.

Where available, characterizations of individuals, organizations, and publications are set forth alphabetically in the Appendix section of this report.

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Officers and Executive Board

At its 10th Anniversary Convention held August 14-17, 1967 in Atlanta, Georgia, SCLC sold a brochure entitled, "A Decade of SCLC." This brochure on page 32 under the caption "Officers" set forth the following names:

President	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia
First Vice President	C. K. STEELE Tallahassee, Florida
Second Vice President	JOSEPH E. LOWERY Birmingham, Alabama
Third Vice President	SAMUEL WILLIAMS Atlanta, Georgia
Fourth Vice President	CURTIS HARRIS Hopewell, Virginia
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This brochure on page 32 under the caption "Executive Board" listed the following individuals:

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R. G. WILLIAMS
Washington, D. C.
M. L. WILSON
New York, N. Y.
VERNIL WOOD
Roxbury, Mass.
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With reference to the aforementioned individuals the following is noted:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

JOHN LEWIS

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

LAWRENCE D. REDDICK

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

DR. C.O. SIMPKINS

In January 1964 source made available a program pamphlet for a meeting of the Southern Christian Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF) which was to be held February 3, 1964, at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City. DR. and MRS. C. O. SIMPKINS were listed as sponsors on this program pamphlet.

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SCEF is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

REVEREND C. K. STEELE

In June 1965 source made available records relating to a meeting of the Board of Directors of SCEF held in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 16, 1965. Reverend C. K. STEELE was identified as having attended a meeting of the Board of Directors on this date.

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VIRGIL WOOD

In the March 29, 1963, issue of the Lynchburg Daily Advance, a daily newspaper published at Lynchburg, Virginia, an article appeared reporting that one CARL

BRADEN attended a meeting of the Hunter Branch of the YMCA in the company of VIRGIL A. WOOD. The article reported that WOOD was listed as a member of the Board of Directors of the "Communist - Front SCEF."

CARL BRADEN is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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GEORGE MEYERS is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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On November 20, 1963, [redacted] (b)(7)(c)
[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia, advised that Reverend VIRGIL A. WOOD, formerly Pastor of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Lynchburg, had in September, 1963, left that area for Boston, Massachusetts.

B. Executive Staff and Other Personnel

On page 32 of the above-mentioned brochure appeared the caption "Executive Staff" and the following names were set forth:

ANDREW J. YOUNG	Executive Director
HOSEA L. WILLIAMS	Voter Registration
JAMES BEVEL	Nonviolent Action
DOROTHY COTTON	Citizenship Education
SEPTIMA CLARK	Citizenship Education
FRED C. BENNETTE, JR.	Operation Breadbasket - South
JESSE JACKSON	Operation Breadbasket - North
T. Y. ROGERS, JR.	Office of Affiliates
JAMES LAWSON	Nonviolent Education
BERNARD LEE	Special Aide to President
KEW-SOONG LI	Anti-Poverty Programs
JAMES HARRISON	Controller
LILLIE HUNTER	Office Supervisor
CAROL HOOVER	Special Events
THOMAS OFFENBURGER	Public Relations

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WALTER FAUNTROY Washington Office

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On page 37 the brochure under the caption, "Administrative Staff" listed as a "Special Consultant" regarding "Economics" the name RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL.

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On the same page, under the caption "Administrative Staff" was set forth the name of ADELE KANIER as being in charge of administrative functions of the New York City Office of SCLC.

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With reference to the aforementioned individuals, the following is noted:

RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

CAROL HOOVER

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

ADELE KANIER

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STANLEY LEVISON

Referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

HOSEA WILLIAMS

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STONEY COOKS

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JAMES BEGEL is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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On December 14, 1967, the "Atlanta Constitution", daily Atlanta newspaper, on page 37 published an article entitled, "Dr. King Revamps SCLC". This article reflected that on December 12, 1967, Reverend KING announced that ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC, had been appointed Executive Vice President, SCLC; WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD appointed Executive Director, SCLC; and BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR., appointed Program Administrator, SCLC.

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E. Office Locations

As of January 1, 1968, the National Headquarters Office of SCLC continued to be located in rented premises at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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HARRY WACHTEL is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

HARRY BELAFONTE is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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This brochure announced three tours to the Holy Land in November 1967 featuring Reverend KING and sermons by him by the Sea of Galilee and on the Mount of Olives.

Travel arrangements were being handled by Concretta Tours, Suite 202-204, 275 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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III. CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

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The July 30, 1967, edition of "The Atlanta Voice", weekly Atlanta Negro newspaper, on page 16 published a full-page article entitled, "SCLC's 10th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta". This article related that CAROL HOOVER was

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serving as coordinator of this convention and that RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL would participate in a panel on "Business and Economic Developments" at the convention.

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CORDY T. VIVIAN is referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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Records of the Regency Grant House Motel were checked on August 21, 1967, through the cooperation of [redacted] These records reflected that STANLEY D. LEVISON from New York City registered in room number 1039 on August 13, 1967 and checked out August 17, 1967; Reverend C. O. SIMPKINS from Hollis, New York, registered in room number 808 on August 14, 1967, and checked out August 16, 1967; Dr. C. K. STEELE, SR., from Tallahassee, Florida, registered in room number 1023 on August 14, 1967, and checked out August 17, 1967; C. T. VIVIAN from Chicago, Illinois, registered in room number 1707 on August 14, 1967, and checked out August 17, 1967; HARRY WACHTEL from New York City registered in room number 1712 on August 14, 1967, and checked out August 16, 1967.

The previously mentioned brochure sold by SCLC at its 10th Anniversary Convention containing several pages toward the end which were not numbered. These pages set forth advertisements by various businessee, some of which occupied a full page and others a portion of a page. Included among these pages was one full page on which appeared "Some day they will make a war and no one will come...Carl Sandburg". The bottom line of this page reflected

the following: "Compliments of the Harry Wachtel family".

Another full page set forth, "I have never known a peace made, even the most advantageous, that was not censored as inadequate and the makers condemned as injudicious or corrupt. 'Blessed are the peacemakers is I suppose to be understood in the other world; for in this one they are frequently cursed. Benjamin Franklin 1781". The bottom line of this page reflects the following: "Contributed by Beatrice, Andy, and Stanley Levison".

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CLARENCE JONES and BAYARD RUSTIN are referred to in the Appendix section of this report.

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On August 16, 1967, the "Atlanta Constitution" published on page one an article by-lined MARION GAINES entitled, "King Calls For A New Drive of Massive Civil Disobedience". This article pointed out that on August 15, 1967, Reverend KING addressed the SCLC 10th Anniversary Convention.

According to the article, Reverend KING in part of his address discussed a campaign of massive civil disobedience by urban Negroes as a "constructive alternative to riots". He said SCLC would organize and assist this campaign which would possibly include general strikes, school boycotts, and a camp-in at Washington, D. C., to induce Congress to take such action as necessary to improve the position of all impoverished people.

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B. Voter Registration and Political Education

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C. Obama's, Maryland

No pertinent developments.

D. Chicago Freedom Movement

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The "Atlanta Journal", daily Atlanta newspaper, on January 17, 1968, on page seven, of its five-star edition published an article entitled, "King Sees in Capitol Threatened By King" by Richard HARGRETT GIRSI. The article reflected that Reverend King on January 16, 1968, "pledged" that if necessary "he will keep marchers in Washington for weeks and months in order to get Congress to help find jobs or a guaranteed minimum income for all Americans" in early April 1968.

The article went on to explain that SCLC staff members "will visit 15 major areas of the country from which a corps of some 3,000 demonstrators trained in nonviolent tactics will be recruited to lead the marchers.

Reverend King also pointed out, the article said, that "the 3,000 recruits will be chosen from the unemployed of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, and Boston, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, Newark, New York, Detroit, and Chicago".

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With reference to the 10th Anniversary Convention of SCLC held August 14-17, 1967, in Atlanta, the "Atlanta Journal" on page 5C of its [illegible] published an article entitled, "SCLC Urges Vote On Viet Nam in '68", by-lined WALTER LUNDY.

The article revealed that on August 17, 1967, the SCLC convention enacted a resolution calling for the 1968 presidential election to be used as a referendum on the Vietnam War---". The resolution declared that the American people "---repudiate the war---by a clear and articulate majority".

During the closing session of the 10th Anniversary Convention of SCLC JAMES BEVEL spoke briefly. He said he was opposed to participation of the United States in the Viet Nam War and declared that he [illegible] pay Federal Income Tax as long as [illegible] continuance of the Viet Nam War.

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VI. APPENDIX

A. Individuals

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HARRY BELAFONTE

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JAMES BEVEL

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RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL

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A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN

Mrs. ALBERTA ABFARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, in testifying on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky Criminal Court, in a state sedition prosecution against CARL ANNE BRADEN, identified BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to shortly prior to the time of her testimony.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 3, 1959, reported that CARL BRADEN had been sentenced in the year in prison on a charge of contempt of Congress on February 2, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia. [illegible] stated that he had been convicted under this charge on January 21, 1959, and that the charge arose from his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Louisville Times, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 27, 1961, reported that the United States Supreme Court had, on that date, affirmed the contempt of Congress conviction of BRADEN.

The Courier-Journal on May 2, 1961, reported that CARL BRADEN had surrendered to the United States Marshal at Atlanta, Georgia, [illegible] 1961, to begin serving a one-year prison sentence for contempt of Congress.

The Courier-Journal, on February 2, 1962, reported that CARL BRADEN had been released from the Federal Prison Camp at Allenwood, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1962.

BRADEN indicated that he would return to his home, Louisville, Kentucky.

As of August 30, 1963, CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, continue to reside at 4403 Virginia Avenue and are still employed as Field Secretaries for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

As of January 21, 1964, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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CAROL HOOVER

[illegible]ers item in "The Atlanta Daily World", (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" dateline Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of SCEF held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that MISS CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at SCLC was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, [illegible] East 40th Street, New York City.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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JOHN LEWIS

[illegible] T[illegible]ker[illegible], [illegible] newspaper, in its issue of May 2, 1963, [illegible] three [illegible] entitled an article "[illegible] Paul Robeson [illegible] Birthday Tribute." The article [illegible] friends and admirers of Paul Robeson [illegible] the Hotel Americana [illegible] April 24, 1963, on the occasion of the [illegible] by [illegible] Robeson on his 65th birthday.

The article refers to JOHN LEWIS, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), spoke at the affair. The article states that LEWIS spoke of Robeson's past [illegible].

GEORGE METERS

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HUNTER PINES O'DELL

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LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Wizzenbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

On September 17, 1943, source advised she had learned that Dr. REDDICK, who was then Director of the Schomburg Library, 103 W. 135th Street, New York City, was one of the most important unpublicized members of the Communist Party (CP). She stated that REDDICK seemed to be a source of information in regard to socialism and communism in the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Source on March 23, 1951, said that he met LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK in 1943, through BURKE MARDOV, a staff member of the "Daily Worker" and that both GORDON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS advised him that LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was at that time a member of the CP. The source also said that REDDICK was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

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The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 5 and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

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BAYARD RUSTIN

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the YCL, and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the articles states.

The "Daily Worker", February 11,1957, page 1, column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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On February 19, 20, 1964, source advised BAYARD RUSTIN contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, DAVIS told RUSTIN that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which RUSTIN was to speak. X

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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B. Organizations

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

   (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

   (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

1 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 8, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

CARL BRADEN and ANNE BRADEN, Director and Associate Director respectively of the SCEF, were identified by ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, on December 13, 1954, in her testimony in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court in the prosecution of CARL BRADEN under a state sedition statute as members of the Communist Party in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

A third source advised on May 28, 1965, that GEORGE MEYERS, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for CARL and ANNE BRADEN and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 8, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 25, 1968

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Reference Atlanta report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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AT T-3 who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 1/23/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-3718)

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Reason for the delinquency: OTHER EXPEDITE MATTERS IN SECURITY AND RACIAL FIELD.

Date the report ~~or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:~~ TO BE SUBMITTED: 1/26/68

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An article appearing in the "Atlanta Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, on August 16, 1967, quoted Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as calling for, "a new drive of massive civil disobedience." [redacted] b1

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing the following information.

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Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the current plans of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, [redacted] b7D

BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

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Field Office File #: 100-149194 Bureau File #: 100-438794

Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Synopsis: New York City Office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is at 800 West 57th Street, NY, NY. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of the SCLC, consults with STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL who are his advisors [redacted]

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely toward establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of SCLC.

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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be abbreviated by the initials SCLC. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. is the President of the SCLC which has headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

On January 23, 1968, ADELE KANTER, Office Manager of the SCLC, advised a Special Agent (SA) of the FBI that the New York Office of the SCLC is located in Room 1301, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

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The advisors of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who reside in the New York City area, are STANLEY LEVISON* and HARRY WACHTEL.*

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On March 25, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON were in conference on that date. Their conference concerned matters pertinent to the SCLC.

LEVISON was very concerned about KING's involvement in anti-Viet Nam war activities, and in particular the effect it will have on the SCLC. LEVISON did not mind KING's decision

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to participate in the April 5, 1967, anti-war demonstration to be held in New York City outside the United Nations Headquarters. In elaborating, LEVISON pointed out that the SCLC had to bear in mind that in the fund raising letters which it had sent out, no mention was ever made of the peace issue and no request was made for money for peace activities. LEVISON was of the opinion that KING would be asked by the people why this had not been done.

KING was of the opinion that something should be said to SCLC contributors explaining that his involvement in peace activities was a matter of personal conscience on his part and that as an organization, the SCLC is basically committed to civil rights activities, and that it does not use any of its funds for peace activities.

LEVISON was in agreement with KING's suggestion and commented that contributors to the SCLC had not fallen off as a consequence of KING's recent stands on the Viet Nam war. LEVISON's apprehension over KING's decision to get involved was not due to any specific criticism or loss of funds but instead was anticipating future complaints. LEVISON pointed out that their fund raising activities are for civil rights and not for peace activities. It was his feeling that a fraud would be committed if some explanation was not made to contributors. LEVISON agreed to handle the matter himself thereby relieving KING of the responsibilities inherent to such a task.

LEVISON inquired of KING if he had been told about a letter which JOAN DAVES, KING's literary representative, had received from NORMAN COUSINS, the Editor of the "Saturday Review," pointing out that this publication would not run any of KING's articles or any of the SCLC's material since KING and his organization had become active in the anti-war demonstrations. COUSINS said the name of KING and the SCLC would be "mud" within six months, therefore, it would not be profitable to ~~run~~ any of their articles. KING commented that he had sent ANDREW YOUNG, the Executive Director of the SCLC, to

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see COUSINS to explain the positions of KING and the SCLC. LEVISON wanted to know if COUSINS changed his opinion after being informed that it was a matter of conscience on KING's part which had changed his position on the war in Viet Nam. COUSINS position was such that he felt that peace demonstrations were "Hate America" forces and that they would end up doing more harm than good and that they would bring about a climate that would really call for more escalation than de-escalation. LEVISON was of the opinion that NORMAN COUSINS had always been very much in the right wing of the peace movement.

Another matter considered by LEVISON and KING was the SCLC's program in Chicago. It was LEVISON who brought up what he described as the housing proposition and in that remarked that he had informed CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, (Chicago Attorney and advisor to KING) that he would contribute $7,500 and another $1,000 toward the expenses incident to the program. The expenses, LEVISON commented, already amounted to over $4,000 and he did not see any possibility of them decreasing in the future. The one thing about the program which bothers LEVISON is the lack of competence of the people who are administering the program. Consequently, he felt a very serious responsibility to the businessmen of Chicago who have put their money in the venture. LEVISON advised KING to explain the tasks inherent to these men and to get their word they were doing this voluntarily.

KING stated he had already contacted the men who have a possible interest in the Chicago project and came away with their support after he told them that their risks were minimized. After learning this, LEVISON was incensed that KING had assured them of such a thing. He inquired as to whom KING has relied upon as his economic advisors, and after learning that CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE had been consulted, commented that he knows nothing about economics.

It was KING's impression that all the Chicago business investors had agreed to stay with the project and had unanimously agreed with the idea of six per cent interest, but what is actually needed to get the project under way, according to KING, is $25,000 to $30,000. LEVISON expressed pessimism but agreed to leave a certain amount of money in the project because he is willing to risk it in order to do something constructive.

KING wanted to know if LEVISON would be able to attend the forthcoming meeting of the SCLC board. LEVISON was not certain that he would since he was away for a couple of weeks during which time his personal business suffered considerably.

KING informed LEVISON of a meeting which he, KING, had attended in Atlanta, Georgia, during March, 1967, during which time he put on paper the kind of structure the SCLC should have. It was KING's impression that the executive staff of the SCLC received his recommendations very enthusiastically. In elaborating, KING mentioned that he was trying to get an Executive Director for the Chicago operation and TY ROGERS as Director of Affiliates and JOSEPH LOWERY as Executive Secretary.

LEVISON and KING ended their conference with LEVISON's reassurance that KING was taking the right stand on the Viet Nam war [redacted] b1

On March 27, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON and JOAN DAVES were in conference on that date. The following was what transpired during that conference: [redacted]

DAVES pointed out that with regard to KING's latest book, various chapters were sent out to magazines including "The Saturday Evening Post," but none agreed to publish. It was KING's decision to publish a book and not to try to get another magazine to publish his works. His decision was on

advice from LEVISON that he should not try to get his book printed in magazine installments since it was his opinion that the time is not right for this kind of book.

Following their conference with JOAN DAVES, LEVISON and KING met together, during which time they discussed the whole question as to how to approach foundations for money grants in light of KING's stand on Viet Nam. Both men agreed that they might not be able to get the support of the foundations, but instead of having to rely on the foundations, they should think of other avenues through which they could get funds for SCLC and for KING personally. They decided that they should hold a meeting in New York City on Tuesday, April 4, 1967, to discuss this matter. Among those expected to attend this meeting were HARRY WACHTEL and CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE.

It was also revealed that on the same date, after the New York meeting of April 4, 1967, KING would address a meeting in the Riverside Church, New York City, to neutralize any adverse criticism he might receive for having agreed to participate in the march against the war in Viet Nam scheduled for April 15, 1967, sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

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On March 31, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING decided to hold a meeting in New York City to discuss details concerning a fund raising meeting for the SCLC to take place in New York City on April 4, 1967, in KING's hotel suite in the Americana Hotel, commencing at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. LEVISON stated that ADELE KANTER, Special Funds Raiser and Head of SCLC's New York Office, should be present at that meeting.

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On April 5, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and ALICE LOEWI, a friend and former business associate of LEVISON, were in conference on that date. It was during that conference that they discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING's speech of the previous night in the Riverside Church, New York City, when he urged everyone in the country to become conscientious objectors to military service. LOEWI thought KING's remarks were terrific and thought LEVISON had written his speech. LEVISON denied he had but was certain that ANDREW YOUNG had written it for KING. LEVISON acknowledged that he had spent the entire day of April 4th with KING, but that he did not attend the affair at the church.

In reply to a question from LOEWI as to how KING's spirits were, LEVISON stated that they were fine now that his conscience is clear. LEVISON stated that he is not in complete agreement with KING on the tactics KING has been using and feels that KING tends to be "too far out on many things." In elaborating, LEVISON was of the opinion that KING should not ask everyone to be a conscientious objector because people do not want to go to jail. Instead of people resorting to such tactics, it was LEVISON's opinion that they should be more effective fighting in a political way.

Another example of poor tactics by KING, according to LEVISON, is a plan advocated by KING to get a thousand people in America to go to Hanoi and stand on the bridges, thereby resulting in a cessation of the bombing. If KING decides to do such a thing, LEVISON is of the opinion that it would really work because Americans do not want to "bomb Doctor KING."

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On April 5, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON was in contact with an unknown male and disclosed the fact that he, LEVISON,

had been in contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER of New York and that they discussed negotiations that were in progress between the Rockefeller Institute in South America and the Venezuelan Government.

According to LEVISON, after he and ROCKEFELLER had ended their business discussions, ROCKEFELLER asked him to arrange a meeting with MARTIN LUTHER KING so that he, ROCKEFELLER, could talk to him about his, KING's, stand on Viet Nam. ROCKEFELLER, according to LEVISON, is in such disagreement with KING that he feels he must talk to him.

It was LEVISON's feeling that ROCKEFELLER's request was a real break, since KING had mentioned on April 4, 1967, that he would like to confer with Governor ROCKEFELLER about the situation in South America. KING, LEVISON added, believed that South America will be the next Viet Nam, and therefore, wants to advise ROCKEFELLER as to what action he should take to thwart it. LEVISON concluded his contact by informing the unknown male that he would get in touch with KING to determine when the meeting with Governor ROCKEFELLER could be arranged.

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On April 6, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON, and HARRY WACHTEL met in New York City to discuss KING's speech at the Riverside Church, New York City, on April 4, 1967.

WACHTEL thought the text of KING's speech was solid and wants it printed for distribution. LEVISON felt the speech was too adverse for many Negroes and it did not constitute the widest appeal. KING, LEVISON feels, should not have spoke from the point of view of a Viet Nam peasant. It was LEVISON's belief that ANDREW YOUNG wrote KING's speech, but WACHTEL believes the speech was written by some professor at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia. WACHTEL felt the section of the speech about this country acting like Germany acted in the last war offended many people. LEVISON agreed and commented

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KING should realize he is dealing with the State Department and the Pentagon and not with some stupid sheriff and that if he did get people to stand on the bridges in Viet Nam, they would not be bombed, but instead there would be an invasion of Viet Nam which KING would be responsible for.

In regard to KING's scheduled appearance before the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam on April 15, 1967, LEVISON is unenthusiastic since he does not feel that KING can capture that audience. WACHTEL mentioned in closing, that KING will meet with Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER of New York on April 22, 1967, or April 24, 1967, to discuss the Viet Nam position of KING.

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On April 6, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON told JOAN DAVES that MARTIN LUTHER KING will change his emphasis from peace in Viet Nam to the Chicago action campaign after the middle of April, 1967. LEVISON said that a meeting dealing with the tactics of this change will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in the near future.

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On April 8, 1967, HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON in New York City conferred about MARTIN LUTHER KING's position on Viet Nam. LEVISON felt that a question and answer pamphlet taken from KING's speeches should be made in order to clarify KING's position and to give a cohesive logical exposition of this position.

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On April 8, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in contact on that date. LEVISON indicated that KING's speech of April 4, 1967, was not good in that it attempted to cover too much ground, was not too well thought out and was unbalanced in that it did not appeal to the average person. KING answered that although he did not write the speech, he concurred with it and did not believe that he would change it even now that he had been criticized for it by "The New York Times" and the "Washington Post." KING feels that he had a duty to make the speech in order to fulfill his role as a "morally wise man." LEVISON suggested a full-page advertisement in the "New York Times, Sunday Edition" in order to clarify KING's position and to answer KING's enemies and critics. KING felt that this was an excellent idea.

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On April 9, 1967, HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON conferred in New York City concerning the speech that MARTIN LUTHER KING is to deliver on April 15, 1967, in New York City. The speech will combine both KING's speech in Los Angeles and his speech of April 4th at New York City and will be written by WACHTEL and LEVISON on Monday, April 10, 1967.

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On April 9, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING, HARRY WACHTEL and STANLEY LEVISON were in conference to discuss KING's position on the Viet Nam situation. All agreed to the issuance of a question and answer pamphlet entitled "Doctor KING Speaks on the War in Viet Nam" or something similar. In addition, a full-page advertisement will run in the "New York Times." These will make the point that KING does not consider this a racist war and that civil rights can be met while the war is going on.

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WACHTEL asked KING if he would like to be Chairman of a group called "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Viet Nam." KING said he would be delighted even though he may not be able to devote full time to the organization. WACHTEL and LEVISON also urged KING to contemplate seeking an audience with the Pope. Toward this end, LEVISON urged KING to begin corresponding with the Pope. KING inquired as to whether it would be advisable for him to introduce CASSIUS CLAY, the well-known prize fighter, at a rally on April 15, 1967. LEVISON stated that this would not be a good idea and counselled against it.

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On April 11, 1967. MARTIN LUTHER KING met with STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, ANDREW YOUNG and TOM OFFENBERGER, the SCLC Public Relations man. Their conference concerned an attack made against KING by the National ~~Society~~ for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), arising from a speech by KING on April 4, 1967. It was during the speech that KING urged Negroes to become conscientious objectors to the war in Viet Nam.

LEVISON, WACHTEL and OFFENBERGER agreed to compose separate statements and give them to KING's personal secretary. Upon receiving statements, KING and YOUNG agreed to assemble a statement from the three and then deliver a statement to the press on April 12, 1967, at Los Angeles, California.

The statements to be made by KING would not only answer the allegations made by the NAACP but would also answer a critical statement made by New York Senator JACOB JAVITS. KING said that JAVITS accused him of trying to fuse the civil rights movement with the anti-Viet Nam movement.

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On April 12, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING was in conference on that date with the following individuals:

HARRY BELAFONTE, prominent entertainer, HARRY WACHTEL, STANLEY LEVISON, ANDREW YOUNG and CLEVELAND ROBINSON, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 65 of the Wholesale-Retail Store Workers of America.

The following is a resume of what transpired:

KING prefaced his remarks by commenting that a campaign is underway to undermine his leadership in Negro communities, because of his stand on Viet Nam. KING had in mind the criticism of Doctor RALPH BUNCHE, United States Representative to the United Nations (UN), who reported to the press on April 12, 1967, that KING should not try to lead both the civil rights movement and the crusade against the war.

ANDREW YOUNG reported that BUNCHE had agreed to meet with Doctor BENJAMIN SPOCK and KING following Saturday's (April 15, 1967) march at the UN.

With regard to the criticism from BUNCHE, BELAFONTE remarked BUNCHE had never made a contribution to the civil rights struggle. As to the NAACP's criticism of KING, BELAFONTE said ROY WILKINS of the NAACP recently received an award from Secretary of State DEAN RUSK which accounts for the fact that they are in agreement. LEVISON commented that he was not in agreement that Saturday's event is the answer for KING. It is his belief that the press will handle the event in the same manner they handled other Negro reactions, but LEVISON said that Saturday would not be KING's only chance to speak. It was his belief that Saturday's demonstration will be composed of 90 per cent white people and, therefore, KING's advisers must insure Negro community support for KING. LEVISON urged that a newspaper advertisement be run following Saturday's demonstration, asking whether KING can be active in the peace fight.

Contrary to the opinions of his advisers, KING thought Saturday would be most important since it will be the largest peace demonstration in the country. WACHTEL agreed, but cautioned KING not to rely on Saturday's demonstration as his opportunity to oppose the war since many people will not respond due to the "red baiting atmosphere." KING, in trying to suggest ways to bring about harmony among Negroes, said he would try to meet with A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and other Negro leaders to explain his position. He reiterated his belief that the criticism of him is an effort to get him and to undermine him and offered proof of this by pointing to criticism of him, whereas no Negro will attack New York Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL.

WACHTEL, in agreeing with KING's conclusions, said that many even pull "J. EDGAR HOOVER's old stuff" out of the bottom of the bag.

The conference ended with an agreement to meet again on Saturday night, April 15, 1967, in BELAFONTE's house and that KING should confer with Doctor BUNCHE and A. PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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On April 12, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON privately conferred and discussed KING's chances of success on April 15, 1967.

KING's speech to be delivered at the UN on Saturday, April 15, 1967, was discussed in detail, particularly the length of it. LEVISON advised KING to cut out the parts dealing with history, defense and the UN. KING agreed and asked LEVISON to prepare a paragraph stating

that many people feel the United States should unilaterally withdraw from Viet Nam and that this would cause no damage to the United States' position and would, in fact, heighten the prestige of the United States.

LEVISON advised KING to retain the part of the speech which stated that 15 million Americans oppose the war, in addition to those who are half-hearted about United States' involvement.

In trying to arrive at a decision as to what course KING should follow after Saturday, April 15, 1967, LEVISON advised him to unite with people who have been isolated following their criticism of the United States, so that he would be aligned with those who have power and who make a defense rather than be aligned with a fringe element as he is now. LEVISON told KING that KING's position is so far advanced that he has isolated himself now in the same way that PAUL ROBESON's pro-Soviet position has isolated him.

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On April 13, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in contact and they discussed the progress that LEVISON was making in the writing of the speech that KING will deliver on April 15, 1967, when he addresses a gathering at the UN which is being sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam. LEVISON discussed part of the speech with KING, which KING enthusiastically accepted. The part of the speech discussed was as follows:

"Many sincere people argue that we should withdraw unilaterally and I (KING) understand the logic of their position. I understand that when France withdrew from Algeria, she benefited not only the Algerians, but however France earned far more prestige from withdrawal than she might have gained from total victory, but France was

"fighting in Algeria for years before her people learned that this way out was honorable. The majority of Americans have not yet learned this lesson. Realism compels us to look for a program they can support and which can end the fighting. I think there is such a program--I believe almost the majority of the Americans want the bombings to cease. Let us demand insistently that our government honor Hanoi's promise to negotiate if the bombings cease.

KING told LEVISON that that part of the speech was written in a very beautiful style and disclosed he will use it without any change whatsoever.

LEVISON was of the opinion that KING should get a sampling of Negro feeling and suggested he get a private poll taken to prove that a majority of Negroes want the war to end. KING was agreeable to the suggestion, prompting LEVISON to promise that he would consider how to raise the necessary funds for such a venture.

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On April 19, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL were in conference that day and WACHTEL indicated that he would like to ascertain from LEVISON if MARTIN LUTHER KING had agreed to run for president of the United States. WACHTEL had learned that the Women Strike for Peace group was to meet on April 19, 1967, for the purpose of preparing a pamphlet announcing a ticket with MARTIN LUTHER KING for President and Doctor BENJAMIN SPOCK for Vice President of the United States. WACHTEL had received information that Doctor SPOCK said that he would run with MARTIN LUTHER KING for President of the United States on an independent ticket and that the plans for this were formulated at a meeting on April 15, 1967.

LEVISON denied that such a plan was decided upon, but that SPOCK did want a ticket of KING and himself. LEVISON

was sure that KING had not agreed to run with Doctor SPOCK for the Presidency of the United States. Both WACHTEL and LEVISON agreed that KING should not agree at this time to make a run for the Presidency [redacted]

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On April 21, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING discussed the fact that KING had recently been confined to a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, for several days for observation. KING stated that as far as he knows his health is good. LEVISON said he is in the process of preparing an SCLC appeal letter and wanted to get KING's approval to include in the letter a statement on KING's position on the Viet Nam war. The statement which LEVISON will prepare will note that fair-minded whites who disagree with KING on the peace issue would punish Negroes by cutting off their support to civil rights groups [redacted]

KING and LEVISON then took up the CASSIUS CLAY controversy. LEVISON recommended that KING issue the following statement in light of CLAY's decision not to become a member of the Armed Forces: "that he (KING) had urged Negroes to become conscientious objectors. Therefore, he applauded CLAY; that many more Negroes see the war as a myth; that CLAY acted on religious grounds; and lastly that as an athlete, CLAY was taking the stand because of his belief and not because he was losing money. [redacted]

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On April 24, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON related to ADELE KANTER what he had learned during his one day trip to the headquarters of the SCLC in Atlanta, Georgia. According to him, KING said that he did not want to be President of the United States, but wanted to be the

conscience of politicians. However, LEVISON stated KING inserted into his press statement that if the war in Viet Nam escalates further, there may very well be a fundamental political realignment. LEVISON said that KING discussed an article that appeared in the "New York Post," which considered the possibility of political realignment as a result of the Viet Nam War. LEVISON stated that KING told him that he never wants to be President of this country, but that he advised KING that if the day should ever come when he runs for president, it would be better for him to have a man such as JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH, former Ambassador to India, and now a Harvard University Professor, as a running mate, rather than Doctor BENJAMIN SPOCK, the noted pediatrician.

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On July 20, 1967, a meeting was held between STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES* at New York City (NYC). JONES and LEVISON discussed the fact that they have heard that the National Rifle Association was trying to attach a rider to a pending "anti-riot bill" now before the United States (US) Congress. This rider would prohibit for a certain period of time the sale of firearms in an area which a riot had occurred. JONES stated he believes this rider was aimed specifically at the Negro and was another "example of right wing reaction to the current racial situation."

STANLEY LEVISON then stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. believes the racial situation is very tense and that Chicago, Illinois may be a main trouble spot on racial disorders. CLARENCE JONES then stated that in his opinion New York City is seething with resentment about the current racial situation in the US.

STANLEY LEVISON suggested to CLARENCE JONES that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. should do something about the racial situation in Cleveland, Ohio. LEVISON suggested that KING lead a march of 10,000 Negros, each one of them to carry a brick or a bottle and march to the Cleveland City Hall and dump the bricks and bottles on the lawn of City Hall as a symbol of protest to the racial situation. JONES said that he completely agrees with LEVISON's suggestion and thinks that KING should lead such a march.

JONES and LEVISON then agreed upon the fact that they should meet in the future with MARTIN LUTHER KING to discuss any statements that are to be made in public by KING.

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STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES agreed that under no circumstances should KING be permitted to say anything without them approving it. JONES advised that he feels KING should not be permitted to think for himself and LEVISON stated that KING is such a slow thinker that he is usually not prepared to make statements by himself without help.

LEVISON and JONES agreed to meet again in the near future to continue their discussions as how to help KING in his public appearances.

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On July 24, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON gave to DORA MC DONALD, Personal Secretary of MARTIN LUTHER KING, a press release prepared by LEVISON and to be issued by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The text of this release, as furnished by LEVISON is as follows:

"As the flames of riot and revolt illuminate the skys over American cities, there is an intense desire to restore normality. Normality means that Negros should cease looting stores while the white society resumes looting Negro lives. While no one should condone antisocial acts of Negroes white America should not rationalize its destruction of its black minorities. The storm warnings have been posted one hundred times far in advance but those who have the power to create solutions have created trivialities and diversions.

If it is wrong for Negroes to loot and burn, it is even more horribly wrong for white armed forces to shoot and kill Negroes for larceny. This is an example of the moral degradation, hypocrisy and confusion seeping through society which ultimately must destroy its positive value.

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"I do not think we are helpless, we are only acting helplessly. I should like to offer a single proposal that I am convinced will be effective as it is just.

"Every single outbreak without exception has substantially been ascribed to gross unemployment particularly among young people. In most cities, for Negro youth, the unemployment problem is greater than the unemployment problem of the depression days of the 1930s. Let us do one simple direct thing - let us end unemployment totally and immediately. In the depression days, the nation was close to prostrate on the brink of bankruptcy. Yet, it created the WPA to make millions of jobs instantly available for all existing levels of skill. The jobs were tailored to the man, not the man to the job in recognition of the emergency. Training followed employment; it did not proceed it and become an obstacle to do.

"What we did three decades ago during economic holocaust can easily be done today in the comfort of prosperity.

"I propose specifically the creation of a national agency that shall provide a job to every person who needs work, young and old, white and Negro.

"Not one hundred jobs when 10,000 are needed. Not some cheap way out. Not some frugal device to maintain a balanced budget within an unbalanced society. I propose a job for everyone, not a promise to see if jobs can be found. There cannot be social peace when people have awakened to their rights and dignity to the wretchedness of their lives simultaneously.

"If our Government cannot create jobs, it cannot govern. It cannot have white affluence amid black poverty and have racial harmony. The turmoil of the ghettos is the externalization of the Negro's inner torments and rage. It has turned outward the frustration that was formerly surpressed in agony. The Negro knows that a society that is able to plan intercontinental war and interplanetary travel, is able to plan a place for him.

"Tranquility will not be evoked by pious words. To do too little is as inflamatory as inciting to riot. Desperate men do desperate deeds. It is not they who are irrationable but those who caused injustice internally to be endured are the irrational ones. I am convinced that a single dramatic mass of proof of concern that touches the needs of all the oppressed, will ease resentment and heal enough angry wombs to permit constructive attitudes to emerge.

"I regret that my expression may be sharp, but I believe literally that the life of our nation is at stake here at home. Measures to preserve it need be boldly and swiftly applied before the process of social disintegration engulfs the whole of society.

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On July 25, 1967, a conference took place between MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, ANDREW YOUNG, Program Director, SCLC, and an individual (first name unknown) EVANS, who was not further identified. The conferenced concerned

the fact that KING was to hold a press conference on that date at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The statement by KING was to concern current racial violence in the US, particularly in Newark, New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan. The statements to be made by KING were to differ greatly from the statements on those matters made by WHITNEY YOUNG of the National Urban League and RAY WILKINS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in that KING was not to condone violence in the cities but in a sense would condome it as the natural result of the conditions under which Negros are forced to exist in this country. Both LEVISON and WACHTEL advised KING to rebuff the statements concerning the racial situation in the United States made by President JOHNSON on the night of July 24, 1967. [redacted]

LEVISON told KING that KING has more to gain nationally by agreeing with the violence and not making statements against it because the President is afraid, at this time, and it will be easy to get concessions from him. [redacted]

KING then told LEVISON and WACHTEL that the worse has not happened in this country concerning racial violence particularly in such places as Cleveland, Ohio, Oakland, California and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [redacted]

KING referred particularly to Chicago, Illinois and said "they gave me the plan today in Chicago. They do not plan to burn down the West Side. They are planning to get the loot in Chicago." [redacted]

WACHTEL told KING that he would contact JOHN B. OAKES, Editorial Page Editor of the New York Times to insure KING's press conference its full coverage. [redacted]

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On August 10, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON stated that he was planning to attend the SCLC convention to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, between the dates of August 15 to August 17, 1967.

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On August 14, 1967, the following news article appeared on Page 45 of the New York Post, a daily newspaper of general circulation in New York City. The article was written by one ROBERT GRUENBERG. The article stated " with the heat of black power advocates breathing down its neck the South Christian Leadership Conference meets in convention in Atlanta, Georgia to do or to decide what to do."

Two thousand delegates from across the nation are expected to attend and to talk for four days and at the end pass resolutions on the program.

On the agenda are topics that usually may be found at such meetings:

"Crisis in American Cities"
"Civil Rights and Politics"
"Business and Economic Development"
"Analysis of Rioting"

The unlisted items are the ones troubling a good many delegates as they see SCLC ten years old faced with some crucial decisions.

Aside from how to meet the challenge of the more militant black power advocates, what should be done about avoiding bureaucratic organizational "responsibility" that is not meeting the needs of man in the ghetto?

Any suggestion along this line brings vehement - sometimes injured - response from SCLC spokesmen here.

"We do consider ourselves a militant organization" said one.

"I disagree with the characterization that we have become middle class."

"One of the more pressing problems facing the planners here - who will meet as an advisory board late today with the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - is how to preach non-violence in a society that is growing more violent."

One of the principal addresses will be delivered by Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK, the Baby Care Authority, now a leading figure in the peace movement.

In connection with peace movement activities of SPOCK, KING and Reverend JAMES BEVEL, one of SCLC's leading lights, many delegates are concerned about how deeply SCLC can be in the peace movement without hurting its own civil rights program called the Voter Participation Campaign.

On August 22, 1967, MARTIN LUTHER KING and STANLEY LEVISON conferred that day concerning KING's program to aid Negroes.

KING stated that he felt the time is right for dramatization of the poverty problem in a specific location which can then be used as an appeal for Federal Legislation to combat poverty on a national scale. LEVISON suggested an urban area and KING agreed that Washington, DC, would be an ideal location. LEVISON feels that a program utilizing indigent Negroes to rebuild their own ghettos is the most promising idea.

KING advised LEVISON that he regrets his position as Keynote Speaker for the National Conference for New Politics in Chicago on August 31, 1967, but feels he can play down his association with the group in his speech. KING said he is not determined whether he will speak at a Council of California Democratic's Convention in California in October, 1967, which will seek to nominate someone other than LYNDON JOHNSON for President in 1968.

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On August 23, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES met in New York City and discussed the fact that a small meeting was scheduled to be held in the near future in Northern Virginia to discuss MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s plans for massive civil disobedience. This civil disobedience, according to LEVISON, is scheduled to begin in the later part of the winter in 1968 and will run into the spring of 1968.

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On August 25, 1967, STANLEY LEVISON met with RICHARD RUSSELL, a member of SCLC who contributes financial support to that organization. The meeting took place in New York City.

RUSSELL stated that he resigned from the National Conference on New Politics, a liberal anti-war coalition placed in New York City, and wanted to advise MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. of that fact, since he was instrumental in persuading KING to address the National Conference on New Politics Convention in Chicago, on August 31, 1967. RUSSELL advised he resigned because he could not align himself with the Militant Black Nationalist Leader STOKELY CARMICHAEL's pro Arab point of view and could not request or persuade the organization to request that CARMICHAEL resign from it.

LEVISON told RUSSELL that he would apprise KING of RUSSELL's resignation. [redacted]

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On January 10, 1968, TUDJA CROWDER, who is affiliated with the New York Committee for SANE Nuclear Policy (SANE) discussed with STANLEY LEVISON the possibility of holding a rally in defense of DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK and those indicted with him for urging resistance to the military draft. She told LEVISON that at a council meeting of New York SANE on January 9, 1968, the council decided to go ahead with something, possibly in three weeks at Manhattan Center supporting those who were indicted. She also noted that she had received an invitation from the National Conference for New Politics to attend a meeting to discuss a rally to be held by that organization at Madison Square Garden on February 5, 1968, for DR. SPOCK. She stated that the National Conference for New Politics has not made any commitment on this date as yet, and that she had been told by an employee of that organization that they were booking all of DR. SPOCK's speaking engagements.

LEVISON felt that it would be impossible to fill Madison Square Garden on such short notice and that if the National Conference for New Politics sponsors the rally, there will be resistance with a minimum of emphasis on the other issues which he said would not be scund. He said it would then speak for only one element of the subject's movement instead of trying to find a common ground on which all can speak together.

CROWDER questioned whether DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. would attend such a rally if it is held. LEVISON said he was uncertain stating that under normal conditions KING would not attend such a rally, but since it is for DR. SPOCK's defense, KING might feel he has to attend.

CROWDER suggested that if KING attends, it would reunite KING and SPOCK on a platform and provide new leadership for the peace movement. LEVISON disagreed stating that KING has no intention of being a leader of the peace movemnet with SPOCK and that if anyone tries to turn them into being the leaders KING would disavow it.

LEVISON stated with the position of SANFORD GOTTLIEB, a National Officer of SANE with a joint statement on defense of DR. SPOCK and those indicted with him, it is irrelevent, unsound and rigid. LEVISON said that what is needed is a clear statement on the issues involved, a clear, militant statement signed by 100 major leaders throughout the country. He suggested running a full page add on this and said more publicity would come from it than a Madison Square Garden meeting.

CROWDER agreed and asked LEVISON to assist her in its preparation. LEVISON asked for time, stating such a settlement has to be drafted not only from a stand point of clarity of the issues but also a stand point of who is going to be asked to sign it.

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On January 10, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON spoke with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. about a proposed rally to be held on February 5, 1968, at Madison Square Garden, New York City, in defense of DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK and sponsored by the National Committee for New Politics. LEVISON asked what KING's attitude would be if he was asked to speak at it.

KING stated he felt he would have to do it noting that he was not sure of his schedule but that if he is free, it is something he should do.

LEVISON advised KING that KING has to back DR. SPOCK which LEVISON said he is not happy about KING appearing on a platform that is solely that of the National Conference for New Politics because it would again make KING and SPOCK the two leaders. He said KING again would be faced with the quesion whether KING and SPOCK will run as a ticket in the presidental elections of 1968. LEVISON advised that if it becomes necessary for KING to appear, KING may have to disavow the fact he is pushing to become a leader in the peace movement. He warned that people would try to make KING and SPOCK the leaders of the peace movement and that this movement has so many troubles of its own that KING's identification with it, at the present time, is something to go at very slowly.

KING wondered if there is a possibility of the rally being jointly sponsored. LEVISON stated he had gathered that the only organization which might join with the National Committee for New Politics is the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee, but that the other peace groups would not be co-sponsors because of a hastle over what the focus of the rally will be. He said the National Committee for New Politics tendency will be to push the idea of resistance of the draft while the other will want to deal with issues such as civil liberties and the illegality of the war.

He added that his guesses that the National Committee for New Politics will want this to be their own meeting and will put pressure on KING to appear.

KING noted that there is time to decide because he has not yet received an invitation. He added that he knows he will have to do something for SPOCK.

LEVISON asked KING what KING thought of a statement setting forth all the issues involving the peace movement, to be circulated around the country and signed by one or 200 leading figures. He said this would be published as a full page add in the "New York Times" newspaper. LEVISON said that such a settlement made by people of quality particularly prescribing today would make more of an impression than a rally. KING advised he felt such a statement would be good.

LEVISON advised KING that if a rally was held, he feels it will be a fiasco and that KING should not accept an invitation immediately if it is offered. He said that KING should allow time for them to determine what the sponsorship of such a meeting looks like. He repeated that a statement such as he described would be more valuable than appearing at a Madison Square Garden rally. KING and LEVISON agreed that they would discuss this in the future in more detail.

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HARRY WACHTEL

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is included in the appendix of this report.

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited at a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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On January 29, 1968, [redacted] advised that approximately thirty pickets demonstrated in front of the Hi-Low Foods Supermarket, 712 East 87th Street, Chicago, for approximately forty-five minutes during Saturday afternoon, January 27, 1968. The pickets were led by Reverend Calvin Morrison and Claude Wyatt, reportedly organizers of Operation Breadbasket. b7D

[redacted] stated no incidents occurred during the demonstration and there were no demonstrators arrested. b7D

[redacted] said approximately twelve pickets from Operation Breadbasket demonstrated for thirty minutes at the aforementioned Hi-Low Store during Sunday afternoon, January 28, 1968. No incidents occurred and there were no arrests.

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At 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 1968 [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that Operation Breadbasket supporters did not picket the Hi-Low Foods Supermarket on this date; he said Hi-Low store executives are contemplating obtaining an injunction against the leaders of Operation Breadbasket to stop the picketing of their food chain.

The following local agencies are being furnished a copy of this memorandum:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois
Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of an article which appeared in the January 29, 1968, edition of the "Chicago Defender," a daily Negro oriented newspaper, published on Chicago's south side and principally subscribed to by Negro residents of Chicago. This article describes Operation Breadbasket as the economic arm of the SCLC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-489) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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OO: Atlanta

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies and for Atlanta one copy of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

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This LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" as it contains information from an informant of continuing value.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to 111th M. I. Group, Orlando, Florida, and Secret Service, Miami.

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Miami, Florida

January 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-[illegible]489

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Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.B.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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[redacted] Secret Service, Miami, [redacted] 11th P. I. Group, Miami, and [redacted] Miami, Florida, Police Department, were all advised of the above information prior to 11:00 a.m., on January 25, 1968. b7c

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1 - Mr. Basher
1 - Mr. Rushing

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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You will be promptly advised of additional details developed regarding this matter.

XEROX COPY TO MRS. MILDRED STEGALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE; WILLIAM WELSH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT; AG; DEPUTY AG; AAG'S POLLAK, YEAGLEY, AND VINSON; INTER-DIVISION INFORMATION UNIT; NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS; AND ARMY, NAVY AIRFORCE, AND SECRET SERVICE.

NOTE:

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See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated January 25, 1968, same caption, prepared by TDR:lmr.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop

Mr. C. Sullivan CONFIDENTIAL 1/25/68

Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. P. T. Basher
1 - Mr. T. D. Rushing

SIUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - SNCC

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum setting forth the informal observations furnished Mrs. Mildred Stegall Carter be furnished [illegible]

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Memorandum C. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan
RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

At the White House, Mr. William Walsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley, Vinson and Pollak, the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, Secret Service, the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, Army and Air Force.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438792) DATE: 1/31/68

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (100-1681)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
IS - C
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Re Memphis airtel to Mobile, dated 1/9/68; Atlanta airtel and LHM dated 12/15/67, both captioned as above; and Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 1/11/68, captioned "Washington Spring Project. RM."

A review of the Mobile office indices fails to reflect any information of a subversive or derogatory nature concerning BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR.

Mobile 44-942 reflects that at 11:00 PM on 6/11/63 BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR. was attacked in front of his residence, 1703 Union St., Selma, Alabama, by one of two unknown white men. LAFAYETTE suffered three lacerations on his scalp. The white man parked an apparently disabled car in front of his residence and when he returned home, requested him to assist them by pushing their car. While bending over the car he was struck by one of the men three times. LAFAYETTE was described as a Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Field Secretary, active in Votor Registration in the Selma, Ala. area.

MLK BERNARD

On 6/12/63, LAFAYETTE was interviewed by SAs [redacted] furnishing the same information as set forth above. LAFAYETTE advised at this time that he resided at the above address and was a volunteer worker for SNCC at Atlanta, Ga., and was then Director of the Central Alabama Voting Project and had arrived in Mobile on 2/10/63. LAFAYETTE described himself as a N/M, born 7/29/40 at Tampa, Fla.; 5'8", 140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and wife, COLIA LIDDELL LAFAYETTE. LAFAYETTE stated that he had attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn. for three years and had attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. for one semester. LAFAYETTE was interviewed by BUAgents on 7/2 and 7/3/63 and again on 3/4/65. He stated that he could not recall the identity

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of his assailants and could not identify them under any circumstances.

MOfile 44-457-1775 - A Negro mass meeting was held in Lowndes County, Ala., from 7:00 PM to 9:55 PM on 3/8/65 with 175 persons attending. The principal speaker was BERNARD LAFAYETTE, who urged the Negroes to register to vote.

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A review of the indices of the Mobile Office concerning COLIA LAFAYETTE fails to reflect any information of a subversive or derogatory nature concerning the wife of BERNARD LAFAYETTE, JR.

MOfile 100-1861-4 reflects that a check on 11/14/66 of the following records failed to reflect any information identifiable with COLIA LAFAYETTE: Dallas County Credit Bureau, Selma, Ala., PD and Dallas County SO.

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MOfile 100-1861-4 - [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 11/14/66 that BERNARD LAFAYETTE and his wife, COLIA LAFAYETTE, were active in the Selma, Ala., area during the 1963 organizing voter registration activities.

These individuals, he stated were only interested in establishing a voter registration activities.

[redacted] stated that no information came to his attention which would indicate that they were in any way contrary to the interest of the U. S. Government. He stated that neither of the LAFAYETTEs had been in the Selma area for any length of time since 1963.

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For the information of the Atlanta Office, the Chicago Office was the office of origin for cases concerning BERNARD LAFAYETTE (Chicago file 100-41638) and COLIA LAFAYETTE (Chicago file 157-1210).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/19/68

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FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
1 - Mr. Rozamus
1 - Mr. B.A. Wells

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COVERAGE OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATIONS AND RACIAL UNREST

Mr. Tolson asked whether the Attorney General had turned down any request for technical coverage which would have been helpful in determining foreign influence in demonstrations and racial disorders. (U)

We have had numerous instances of such requests either being turned down by the Attorney General or remaining unanswered by him. Since the individuals and groups which were the subjects of the requests are engaged in antiwar demonstrations and in advocating black power and racial unrest, it is entirely possible that our coverage could have furnished us information to either substantiate or refute the possibility that foreign groups are exercising influence in such matters. (U)

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[redacted] (S)

Our investigation of groups and individuals engaged in staging demonstrations and other forms of unrest--particularly activity of national scope--has shown that the telephone is widely used by them to coordinate with other groups and individuals throughout the country. Technical coverage would not only enable us to obtain a "blow by blow account" of this planning, but would be extremely valuable in obtaining leads which would help us in determining whether or not there is extensive foreign influence behind these activities. (U)

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TECHNICAL COVERAGE OF GROUPS AND
INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN ANTI-WAR
DEMONSTRATIONS AND RACIAL UNREST

There is set out below a listing of technical coverage which has been turned down by the Attorney General within the past few months.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) - SCLC is led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who has threatened a series of demonstrations during the coming year. On 1/2/68 we asked for coverage of it. The Attorney General denied this coverage on 1/3/68.

[redacted]

Out of scope

ACTIVITY COVERAGE OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS AND RACIAL UNREST

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ACTION:

For information.

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~~LETTER~~ 54688 73518 80514

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
(OO: WFO)

Re Chicago airtel dated 1/26/68, this caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. Copies are being provided the below listed offices as indicated for information.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2474

Chicago, Illinois
January 31, 1968

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Attached to this memorandum are copies of an article which appeared in the weekly edition of the "Chicago Defender," dated January 30, 1968, which relates to the captioned matter, its organization and individuals involved with it.

The "Chicago Defender" is a Negro oriented newspaper published on Chicago's south side who's readership is principally Negro.

The article is self-explanatory and is being provided for information.

Copies are being proved the following local agencies:

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. T. D. Rushing
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. P. T. Basher
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
1 - Mr. A. H. Fulton

To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
IS - SNCC
(OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ATLANTA)
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Reference is made to prior communications to all offices relative to the change of SNCC from a peaceful civil rights organization to a militant revolutionary organization and the need for a thorough and complete investigation of captioned organization and its members to insure that the Bureau is aware of their activities, particularly any plans involving violence.

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Airtel to SAC, Albany
RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

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The above points out the absolute necessity for all offices to have adequate coverage of the inner circle of SNCC activity wherever it exists. Consequently, each office should immediately intensify its investigation of SNCC and develop sufficient coverage to insure that you are in a position to be constantly aware of this organization's activities and plans and to determine the identities of those individuals affiliated with it. Those offices which do not currently have a pending case on SNCC should immediately open a case to determine if it now exists within your area and, if applicable, comply with previous instructions and those set forth in this airtel.

If it is determined that SNCC is not operating within your area, submit to the Bureau and Atlanta within 30 days a letter to that effect outlining in detail the investigation conducted. You should insure that you have sufficient coverage of the racial and black nationalist field that you will immediately become aware if SNCC is organized or engages in activity in your territory.

In those offices in which SNCC is currently active or is found to be in operation, a report should be prepared and submitted to reach the Bureau in 30 days setting forth the activities of SNCC. Thereafter, this case should be maintained in a pending status, vigorously investigated and reports submitted every 90 days as long as SNCC remains active in your area. Those offices which have submitted a report on SNCC within the past 60 days need not submit a report to reach the Bureau within 30 days. However, a report should be submitted to reach the Bureau 90 days after the submission of your last report and every 90 days thereafter. A copy of all reports should be designated for Atlanta as office of origin.

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Airtel to SAC, Albany
RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

Atlanta should include in its report local activity. In addition, Atlanta should include all information concerning national programs and policies, the identity, background and a résumé of activity on all current national officers.

The administrative pages of these reports should comment on all individuals mentioned in the body of the report indicating the status of the investigation on them and whether or not they are included on the Security Index and/or the Rabble Rouser Index.

Pertinent information developed should, of course, be furnished to the Bureau immediately by whatever means necessary as dictated by the circumstances, bearing in mind the Bureau's teletype dissemination procedures.

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 1/30/68, captioned as above, prepared by ABF:lmr.

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Date: 2/2/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2174) (P)

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 1/31/68.

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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Bureau file 100-438794
(OO: Atlanta)

OPERATION BREADBASKET
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Chicago files contain no subversive references to Rev. DAVE WALLACE, mentioned in LHM.

Chicago will follow and keep the Bureau advised.

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C.C. Bishop

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Enclosed LHM character for SCLC is carried as "RM" rather than IS - C as believed more aptly fits information reported.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
February 3, 1968

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RACIAL MATTERS

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OPERATION BREADBASKET
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 30, 1968.

On January 29, 1968, [redacted] advised b7D
information was received by his office from Reverend Dave Wallace, Coordinator, Operation Breadbasket, that his organization did not plan to conduct any picketing demonstrations on that date and future picketing would depend on a meeting to be held with officials of the Hi-Lo Grocery Store chain that afternoon. However, Operation Breadbasket planned to hold a public rally the evening of January 29, 1968, at a church at 77th Street and Maryland Avenue, Chicago.

On January 30, 1968, [redacted] advised the b7D
Operation Breadbasket rally was held at the Vernon Park Baptist Church, 77th Street and Maryland Avenue, Chicago, at 8:00 p.m. the previous evening. That organization announced it was planning a massive boycott against Hi-Lo Grocery Stores in the Negro communities. Approximately 15 stores are involved. It was alleged that Hi-Lo is selling spoiled and inferior quality meats in most of the Negro communities. No action would be taken if Hi-Lo complies with Operation Breadbasket's recommendations for improvement of the alleged conditions.

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OPERATION BREADBASKET

On January 30, 1968, representatives of Operation Breadbasket had a meeting with the General Manager of Hi-Lo Food Stores. A verbal agreement was reached that a substantial improvement in the quality of the meats sold by that store in the Negro communities would be made. These improvements will be checked by teams of women from Operation Breadbasket between that date and February 3, 1968. If improvements are not made, picketing will be resumed.

A copy of this communication is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

February 2, 1968

MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

MR. G. C. MOORE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-24.2
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PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval for dissemination are copies of a communication containing information concerning the current plans of Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, [redacted]

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BACKGROUND:

King in the past has publicly announced he will conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign he calls the "Washington Spring Project" in early April, 1968, to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro.

CURRENT PLANS:

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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[redacted] has advised that he had learned of King's plan to hold the SCLC meeting on February 6 and 7, 1968, and that it will be at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.E., and that King had agreed to speak before a rally of "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam" on February 6. This group plans a meeting in Washington, D. C., on February 5 and 6, 1968. (Information re King's speaking before this rally previously disseminated to White House and others.)

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the enclosures be forwarded to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House; Mr. William Welsh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President; Secretary of Agriculture Freeman; Secretary of Labor Wirtz; Secretary of Defense; Secret Service; the Attorney General; the Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorneys General Pollak, Yeagley, and Vinson; the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department; and to the Departments of Army; Navy; and Air Force.

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1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
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February 5, 1968

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following information has been furnished by a source of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past:

Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, plans to hold a meeting of the Executive Board of this organization in Washington, D. C., on February 6 and 7, 1968. [redacted] b7D has advised that this meeting is scheduled to be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 15th and Girard Streets, N.E., during the afternoon of February 6, 1968, and all day on February 7, 1968. [redacted] b7D

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP) 54688173518
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The enclosed LHM is classified confidential since unauthorized disclosure of same could result in identification of confidential sources and jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof.

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
RM
(OO: CHICAGO)
(CG File 157-2410)

Re Chicago teletype dated 2/5/68, captioned as above.

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(1 - 157-2924) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
(1 - 100-5718) (COMINFIL - SCLC)
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968
RACIAL MATTER

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On February 5, 1968, a confidential source, [redacted] b7D advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, had arrived in Chicago at 11:20 a.m. on this date from Atlanta, via Delta Airlines Flight 614. King was accompanied by SCLC officers, Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend Ralph Abernathy.

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INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AUGUST, 1968

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Chicago's press media, on February 5, 1968, carried articles relating to a press conference held on that date in Chicago by King. Xerox copies of articles relating to this press conference are attached to this memorandum, namely, from the "Chicago Sun Times" and the "Chicago Daily News," both daily Chicago newspapers.

These articles are self-explanatory as to content; however, it might be noted that information is contained therein relating to Dr. King's possible participation in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, as well as possible demonstrations on May 12, 1968, and June 30 and July 1, 1968, nationwide, by the NWRO. The latter is described in one of these articles as a new welfare organization, representing some 6,000 dues-paying welfare recipients.

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[redacted] advised on February 6, 1968, that [redacted] cognizant of King's presence in Chicago on February 5, 1968, and of the general content of his remarks at his press conference held on that date. He advised that no incidents or disturbances had occurred in Chicago in connection with King's presence here.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to the following agencies:

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United States Secret Service, Chicago;

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-~~2924~~ 2474)

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
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Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/7/68, this caption.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 9, 1968

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RACIAL MATTERS

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A confidential source [redacted] advised as follows, on February 8, 1968:

On the evening of February 2, 1968, a meeting was held at the offices of the West Side Organization (WSO), Chicago, for the purpose of affording Martin Luther King, Jr., an opportunity to solicit support from WSO members . . . the Washington Spring Project (WSP), being promoted and organized by King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). As publicly described by King, the WSP is an effort to mobilize large numbers of persons in Washington, D. C., in April, 1968, in protest of alleged United States Government failure to solve the problems of the poor in this country.

As it developed, King did not appear. It was announced King's wife was ill.

Approximately 95 persons were present. Appearing for King at this meeting was Reverend Ralph Abernathy, SCLC official, and Reverend James Bevel, of the Urban Training Center, 40 North Ashland, Chicago, former SCLC official in charge of the Chicago SCLC staff.

Both Bevel and Abernathy advised those present of the purposes of the WSP, and requested support for and participants for it. There was no response at all evident to appeals of either Bevel or Abernathy, to the evident disgust of both.

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Both related that the demonstrators would set up tents on the White House lawn, in Washington, and that everybody who participates should be prepared to go to jail. Bevel advised that the White House does not belong to President Johnson, that it was God given to the people. Bevel and Abernathy advised they would remain in the "confines" of the White House, until Congress agrees to such as a guaranteed annual income for black people.

Josephine Baker, described by source as a former well-known entertainer, now residing in France, was also a guest speaker. She stated she had experienced a difficult time getting back into this country. She had marched with Dr. King on his earlier march on Washington, and as a result it appeared she was not wanted here. She described the importance of the tent-in on the White House lawn, and urged all those present to participate. Her remarks, according to the source, were also received by those present with no enthusiasm, and no apparent volunteers.

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The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, local and national, are characterized in the attached appendix pages. Sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following:

Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Office of the United States Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

The WSO, referred to previously, is a small, civil rights type group operating on Chicago's near west side. It concerns itself principally with employment and welfare problems of Negro residents of this area.

1 APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Birmingham airtel and LHM to Bureau, 1/22/68; Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 2/6/68; and Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Atlanta are 3 copies and for Washington Field and Birmingham, 2 copies each of LHM.

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Atlanta and Birmingham maintain contact with informants and sources close to KING and report results of SCLC meeting in Miami.

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The Atlanta Division, if such information is not already known, may desire to discreetly determine, through the Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, the identity of individuals and/or organizations who are assuming the rental charges for the 56 units at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors in Miami. It is noted that the Four Ambassadors is an exclusive hotel-apartment complex which has just recently opened for business. 50 of the units, for which reservations have been made, will accommodate three and if necessary four persons, with a rental charge of $31 per unit per day. Six of the units are of the executive type, at a cost of $33 per day.

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Miami, Florida
February 10, 1968

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 5, 1968.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

Fifty-six suites of the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel have been booked through Freddie Henderson Travel Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, for the period February 19 - 23, 1968. The suites are for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and his party, estimated to be 150-200 persons. Fifty of the suites are deluxe rooms that can accommodate three to four individuals, and six of the suites are executive rooms. In addition, the Pan American Room, which can accommodate two hundred people, is being reserved for Dr. KING and his party. A request has been received to arrange for two luncheons, and in addition, a request has been received for extra meeting rooms. The additional meeting rooms are not available; however, the six executive rooms are sufficiently large to handle a group of 20 persons each.

With regard to security, arrangements have been made to hire one off-duty Miami police officer to stand guard at the entrance to the suite to be occupied by Dr. KING. Also, one off-duty Miami police officer and one off-duty Miami detective will be hired and stationed in the vicinity of the lobby and report on any unusual activity and in particular to report on pickets and demonstrators. Additional security will also be afforded through the 20 men regularly assigned to security at the hotel.

Information came to the attention of [redacted] b7D

on February 6, 1968, that [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] has indicated to him that he is extremely "anti-MARTIN LUTHER KING" and has agitated against KING in the past, in various locations. [redacted] displayed a photo scrapbook regarding his picketing of KING. Working with [redacted] at the hotel is one [redacted] appears to be a supporter of KING rather than agitator. b7c b2D

[redacted] stated that he has discussed this matter in detail with [redacted] and every effort is being made to insure no trouble develops as a result of [redacted] attitude toward Dr. KING. b7c

On February 6, 1968, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to report that he is currently employed at the Four Ambassadors. He reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be staying at the hotel in the near future. He went on to relate that he had been questioned by members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Miami, Florida, if he was going to picket Dr. KING when KING arrives in town. [redacted] stated that he informed SCLC that he had no plans to picket KING or to do anything against KING during KING's visit to Miami. b7c b7c

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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[redacted] first came to the attention of the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 11, 1967, when he telephonically advised that a group of Negroes were meeting at the Mary Elizabeth Hotel, Miami, Florida. When contacted on July 31, 1967, [redacted] displayed newspaper clippings concerning himself. These articles indicated that in April, 1967, he picketed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in [redacted] He picketed KING because of KING's stand against the war in Viet Nam. It was also indicated in the clippings that he picketed KING because he, [redacted]

[redacted] was also quoted in these articles as saying he was going to get STOKELY CARMICHAEL with violence when he comes to Miami; however, CARMICHAEL has never come to Miami.

It was also indicated that he threw a brick through the window of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's campaign headquarters in New York City a few years ago. He hoped to get arrested and then expose the way POWELL was financing his campaign for re-election to Congress. According to [redacted] they just repaired the window and never said anything.

When questioned concerning these articles, [redacted] stated that he never intended to commit any act of violence if CARMICHAEL had come to Miami, but merely intended to picket him as he had KING, and was misquoted by newspapers.

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On August 2, 1967, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at about midnight. At this time, he appeared to be very upset, and [redacted] stated that he had heard that MARTIN LUTHER KING was going to come to Miami in the near future and that he was going to again picket him. He indicated that this picketing would be of a peaceful nature.

[redacted] appears to become upset over information concerning KING because of the death of his son in Viet Nam and also because he has another son currently serving in the United States Army.

On the morning of August 4, 1967, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Miami Office, at which time

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he apologized for his being upset when he last called the Office. He advised that he had received a letter from his son, [redacted], who is currently in the United States Army and due to go to Viet Nam. b7c

He stated that when he heard that KING was coming he became upset, recalling his anti-Viet Nam war stand.

He advised that if he picketed KING, it would be of a peaceful nature and according to the laws of the City of Miami.

The following is a description of [redacted] as obtained through interview and observation:

Name:
Address:

Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:

[redacted] b7c

On February 9, 1968, information set forth above was discussed at length with [redacted] reported that every effort will be made [redacted] to keep [redacted] and [redacted] associates under close scrutiny during Dr. KING's visit to Miami. [redacted] reported that several officers of the Miami Police Department will be available to assist in affording Dr. KING's visit appropriate security. b7D b7c

On February 9, 1968, the above information was also discussed with [redacted] b7c

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1965, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 12, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Atlanta memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 10/17/67 captioned as above. Birmingham airtel to Bureau 1/19/68, New York airtel to Bureau, 1/26/68, Miami airtel to Bureau 2/5/68, and WFO airtel to Bureau 2/6/68, all captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RM".

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Referenced Birmingham, Miami, and WFO airtels set forth information received by those offices to the effect that an SCLC meeting in Miami will be held in the near future which will be concerned with the Washington Spring Project (WSP).

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On January 13, 1968, the "New Courier", a New York weekly Negro publication, published an article on page two entitled, "SCLC Gets $230,000 Grant to Aid Negro Ministers". The article reflected this grant had been

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

announced the preceding week by the Ford Foundation "for a Negro ministerial training program in urban leadership to be conducted in 15 cities of the North and South by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-489) (P)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 2/9/68, captioned as above, and Miami airtel with enclosed LHM to Bureau dated 2/10/68, captioned "WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT, RACIAL MATTERS."

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of LHM, suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Chicago, New York and WFO are 2 copies and for Atlanta 5 copies of LHM.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8690)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT (WSP)
RM
(OO: WFO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 2/15/68, and Chicago Airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 2/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of an LHM captioned as above with copies as noted for offices indicated below for information purposes.

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Chicago is following captioned matter and subsequent pertinent developments will be appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2354) (P)

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WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT
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Reference is made to the following communications, captioned as above: Bureau airtels to Atlanta and other Offices, 2/14, 18/68; Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/10/68; Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago and WFO, 2/16/68; Cincinnati radiogram to Bureau, WFO, Atlanta, and Miami, 2/16/68; Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and Miami, 2/16/68; Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Atlanta and Miami, 2/17/68; Chicago teletype to Bureau and Miami, 2/17/68. In addition, reference is also made to Miami airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/14/68, captioned "COUNCIL OF SCLC, IS-C" and Atlanta airtel and LHM captioned "COUNCIL OF SCLC, IS - C" and "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER-C" dated 2/15/68.

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The source used in LHM is [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated February 10, 1968.

The "Miami Herald," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, reported February 18, 1968, that some Negro leaders, not further identified, will urge Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at meetings in Miami, Florida, to detour his planned massive civil disobedience demonstration scheduled for April in Washington, D.C. The Negro leaders will recommend that efforts be redirected to demonstrate in districts of Congressmen who have voted against civil rights legislation.

The "Miami Herald" reported that one prominent civil rights leader, who requested his identity be withheld, said "Congressmen could care less about demonstrations in Washington--and Negroes could be made to look bad nationally. But if the demonstrations are held in the home districts of certain Congressmen they most certainly will feel the impact."

MM T-1 advised on February 19, 1968, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., arrived at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel at 10:30 PM on February 18, 1968. Dr. KING refused to utilize the suite reserved for him and kept moving from room to room. Two of Dr. KING's aides, identified as Dr. A. YOUNG and Reverend F. C. BENNETT, made a thorough check of the room reserved for Dr. KING, apparently looking for a "bugging device."

Dr. KING, through Dr. YOUNG and Reverend BENNETT, according to the source, has already refused to be interviewed by the various news media and it appeared to the source that KING was quite concerned with the amount of security being effected by the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel, along with local authorities.

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RE WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

MM T-1 reported that the Ministers Leadership Training Program started with a luncheon in the Pan American Room at 12:30 PM, February 19, 1969, with attendance estimated at 160 persons. The Diplomat Room has been set aside as an exhibit room and the general meeting, with an estimated 170 persons in attendance, is taking place in the Parliamentary and Assembly Room.

The source reported there has been no evidence of picketing or demonstrations taking place at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel.

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File No.

Miami, Florida
February 19, 1968

Title WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Character RACIAL MATTERS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10323) (P) CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT) IS - C

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, setting forth investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at Rock Island, Illinois. Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376. b7c

Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to the following offices:

Atlanta Division, Chicago Division, New York Division, San Juan, P. R. Division, and Washington Field Office.

Local dissemination of the letterhead memorandum has been made to NISO, Chicago, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

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The representative of the FBI referred to in letterhead memorandum is SA [redacted] of the Springfield Division. b7c

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Will review registration at the Holiday Inn and attempt to locate and interview unknown Negro couples at the Holiday Inn on approximately 12/13/67, noting that one couple apparently from the State of California.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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February 20, 1968

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J. Edgar Hoover

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)

A source furnished the following information to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 19, 1968:

This source advised that he and his wife were in San Juan, Puerto Rico from December 2 - 15, 1967. He stated that the last of the last week of his trip, around December 13, 1967, he was sitting in the lobby of the Holiday Inn, half asleep and overheard a conversation, in English, between two Negro couples.

This source advised that it appeared that the couples had prearranged plans to meet at the Holiday Inn, possibly to eat, and source does not believe that they were registered, as he did not see them before or after.

The source said that from the conversation, at least one couple appeared to be from California, as they were commenting and comparing Governor Reagan to the former Governor Brown.

Source could recall no descriptive information concerning one of the couples, but he stated that the man who did most of the talking was approximately 6'3" to 6'4" in height, and had on a black hat that flopped down on one side. The woman with him was extremely well dressed, short and heavy set.

The Negro man doing the talking stated a Negro, supposedly an associate of Martin Luther King, Jr., and formerly an open advocate of violence, was to "hit" King during the Washington March this spring, so as to place the blame on a white man in the march. By "Hit", the source took this as to kill King. This incident was to be used to incite full scale rioting.

This source advised that he had not wanted to get involved, thus the delay in reporting this matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that no one else overheard the conversation.

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Miami, Florida
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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau dated February 19, 1968.

The "Miami Herald" a local Miami, Florida, newspaper on February 20, 1968, reported that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., opened a series of meetings in Miami, Florida, on February 19, 1968, designed to help Negro clergymen minister to the social and economic needs of their congregations. This article reported that Dr. KING and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, one of his top aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), said the five-day series of conferences will not include planning for civil rights or anti-war demonstrations.

It was also reported that Dr. KING and Reverend YOUNG both said they did not expect STOKELY CARMICHAEL and RAP BROWN, leaders of the vocal Black Nationalist militancy to attend. However, Reverend YOUNG said, "If STOKELY and RAP come we won't throw them out." This article goes on to report that in addition to the 150 official delegates, about 50 more ministers are expected to attend the meetings, which are not open to the public.

It was reported that about 125 delegates attended a luncheon on February 19, 1968, and heard a talk by Dr. R. A. ABERNATHY, a Vice-President of SCLC. In addition, this article reports that three lecturers, followed by workshop sessions, are scheduled for February 20, 1968.

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[redacted] that the Ministers Conference at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Miami, Florida, opened on schedule on February 19, 1968. In welcoming the group, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., reiterated that the purpose of this conference was for discussion, study and training in connection with problems facing the Negroes in the big city areas.

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He further stated that attention would be given to attempting to reconcile the term "black power" with the overall civil rights movement in the United States. During the opening conference, nonviolence was continuously stressed.

Dr. KING stated that over-integration could occur to the point that Negroes could lose their identity. He gave as an example the integration of the Methodist Church, however, this was not further explained.

The only remark that was made to the people in attendance relative to the "Washington trip" was that this conference in Miami would not be used for the purpose of recruiting people for the trip to Washington, nor would it be a topic of discussion.

On February 20, 1968, the entire group will be broken up into "workshop units" according to their interest and needs of the area from which the various ministers came. All leaders are to take part in the activities of the workshop and report back to the entire assembly.

During the opening day of this meeting, only one item of dissension occurred and that involved some opposition to the fact that apparently DAN MONAHAN, who was formerly connected with Urban Housing, has been invited to address the conference in Miami. Some ministers disagreed with this invitation, however, Reverend ANDREW YOUNG stated that his presence could contribute to the conference, and that he should be heard.

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On February 20, 1968, [redacted] that several items of literature were being passed out to the delegates. Included in the literature was a leaflet captioned "The Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and outlines the purpose of the training program. In addition, a statement made by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, on December 4, 1967, which statement relates to the Washington Spring Project, was also being passed out.

These two items are quoted as follows:

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

"THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President

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"MINISTERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr., Director

"CRISIS OF THE CITIES: A CREATIVE ANGLE

"'...transforming the inchoate rage of the ghetto into a creative force for change....'

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program is designed to train local leaders in the knowledge of the many problems which the residents of the ghetto face and in ways of solving these problems. Our focus is the Black Preacher and the Black church for we believe that the greatest potential power for controlling the forces which make and sustain as well as those which can change the structure of the ghetto, is within the Black church. We further believe that because of the central place for which the Black church holds in the Negro community, we can develop the kind of leadership which will develop programs to transfer control of the ghetto to those who reside there. Finally, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is an extension of the church and therefore much of our emphasis should be on strengthening the witness of the church in areas of life where problems are greatest.

"The Ministers Leadership Training Program will be conducted in fifteen metropolitan areas of our nation. We have selected a minimum of eight and a maximum of twenty preachers from these fifteen areas, depending upon the size and population, who will participate in our program. Our program begins with an orientation workshop in Miami, Florida. This workshop is designed to acquaint the preachers who will participate in our program with the over all history and philosophy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and with the programs which demand our concern at present. This workshop is also designed to acquaint the participants with the nature and scope

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"of the multiplicity of problems facing the residents of the ghetto. Our emphasis will be on a detailed examination of the forces which make the ghetto a reality; the structures which maintain the ghetto; and the possibility of destroying the ghetto by re-structuring and changing ownership of the economic structures of the ghetto. There will also be an examination of the theology of the church, a look at the history of the Black church, and a re-defining of the ethic of the Black church in terms of the problems faced by Black churches today.

"To accomplish the above mentioned ends we have invited to this workshop persons with expertise in the problems of the ghetto. They will deal with the 'Making of the Ghetto,' 'the New Mythology,' 'Political Action and Political Coalition,' the 'Challenge of an Urban Ministry,' 'Jobs,' 'Welfare Rights,' 'Nonviolence and Social Change,' and other problems facing the poor.

"During the orientation workshop the cities will be organized. A convener will be chosen for each city with the exception of New York City which will have a convener for Brooklyn and Queens and another for Manhattan and the Bronx. These sixteen conveners will call the men of their cities together once per week for study, discussion, learning, planning and executing programs. The conveners will serve as the link between the Atlanta office of the Ministers Leadership Training Program and the particular city involved, and will channel programs and information to the members of their group.

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"2. To create a discipline for analyzing and understanding the forces which create and sustain the ghetto.

"3. To develop an understanding of the various methods of solving problems and to focus these methods on solving the problems of the ghetto.

"4. To lay the foundation for the organization and structuring of the ghetto to meet the needs of the people who live there.

"5. To create a common force of grass-roots people to affect positive change in the ghetto.

"The problems with which this program is concerned are poverty, employment, education, housing, police brutality, inter-group relations, health and welfare, community services and property ownership.

"The cities in which this program will be conducted are:

1. Atlanta
2. Birmingham
3. Chicago
4. Cleveland
5. Detroit
6. Baltimore
7. New York
8. Los Angeles
9. Memphis
10. Philadelphia
11. St. Louis
12. San Francisco
13. Washington, D. C.
14. Newark
15. Houston

"Co-operating agencies: Urban Training Center of Chicago, Metropolitan Applied Research Center of New York, Internship for Clergymen in Urban Ministry of Cleveland and Gammon Theological Seminary of Atlanta."

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

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"Statement by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

"December 4, 1967

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Last week the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held one of the most important meetings we have ever convened. We had intensive discussions and analyses of our work and of the challenges which confront us and our nation, and at the end we made a decision which I wish to announce today.

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will lead waves of the nation's poor and disinherited to Washington, D. C., next spring to demand redress of their grievances by the United States government and to secure at least jobs or income for all.

"We will go there, we will demand to be heard, and we will stay until America responds. If this means forcible repression of our movement, we will confront it, for we have done this before. If this means scorn or ridicule, we embrace it, for that is what America's poor now receive. If it means jail, we accept it willingly, for the millions of poor already are imprisoned by exploitation and discrimination. But we hope, with growing confidence, that our campaign in Washington will receive at first a sympathetic understanding across our nation, followed by dramatic expansion of nonviolent demonstrations in Washington and simultaneous protests elsewhere. In short, we will be petitioning our government moves against poverty.

"We have now begun preparations for the Washington campaign. Our staff will soon be taking new assignments to organize people to go to Washington from 10 key cities and 5 rural areas. This will be no mere one-day march in Washington, but a trek to the nation's capital by suffering and outraged citizens

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"who will go to stay until some definite and positive action is taken to provide jobs and income for the poor.

"We are sending our staff into these key areas to meet with the local leadership of these areas to discuss their readiness to cooperate with us in this venture.

"In the coming weeks we will disclose our detailed plans on mobilizing this massive campaign. and on the specific proposals which we are formulating.

"Today I would like to tell you why the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has decided to undertake this task with the advice and participation we anticipate from other organizations and thousands of individuals.

"America is at a crossroads of history, and it is critically important for us, a nation and a society, to choose a new path and move upon it with resolution and courage.

"It is impossible to under-estimate the crisis we face in America. The stability of a civilization, the potential of free government, and the simple honor of men are at stake.

"Those who serve in the human-rights movement, including our Southern Christian Leadership Conference, are keenly aware of the increasing bitterness and despair and frustration that threaten the worst chaos, hatred and violence any nation has ever encountered.

"In a sense, we are already at war with and among ourselves. Affluent Americans are locked into suburbs of physical comfort and mental insecurity; poor Americans are locked inside ghettoes of material privation and spiritual debilitation; and all of us can almost feel the presence of a kind of social insanity which could lead to national ruin.

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"Consider, for example, the spectacle of cities burning while the national government speaks of repression instead of rehabilitation. Or think of children starving in Mississippi while prosperous farmers are rewarded for not producing food. Or Negro mothers leaving children in tenements to work in neighborhoods where people of color can not live. Or the awesome bombardment, already greater than the munitions we exploded in World II, against a small Asian land, while political brokers de-escalate and very nearly disarm a timid action against poverty. Or a nation gorged on money while millions of its citizens are denied a good education, adequate health services, decent housing, meaningful employment, and even respect, and are then told to be responsible.

"The true responsibility for the existence of these deplorable conditions lies ultimately with the larger society, and much of the immediate responsibility for removing the injustices can be laid directly at the door of the federal government.

"This is the institution which has the power to act, the resources to tap, and the duty to respond. And yet, this very government now lacks the will to make reforms which are demanded by a rising chorus across the nation. According to the Harris Poll, for example, a substantial majority of Americans believe that we must proceed at once to tear down and rebuild the slums, and a solid majority feel that everyone should have a job. Concerned leaders of industry, civil-rights organizations, labor unions and churches are joining in such groups as the new Urban Coalition to urge progressive economic measures at the national level. Many urban political leaders are ready to carry out enlightened programs if only the federal government will provide the needed financial support. Newsweek magazine recently devoted an entire issue to the problem of racism in America and set forth some sound proposals for dealing with this situation.

"I cite these facts merely to show that a clear majority in America are asking for the very things which we will demand in Washington.

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"We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to correct a problem involving race until it is confronted directly and dramatically. It required a Selma before the fundamental right to vote was written into the federal statutes. It took a Birmingham to dramatize the economic plight of the Negro, and compel the government to act.

"Unrest among the poor of America, and particularly among Negroes, is growing rapidly. In this age of technological wizardry and political immorality, the poor are demanding that the basic need of people be met as the first priority of our domestic programs. Poor people can not long be placated by the glamour of multi-billion-dollars exploits in space. Poor people who encounter racial discrimination every day in every aspect of their lives can not be fooled by patronizing gestures and half-way promises. Poor people who are treated with derision and abuse by an economic system soon conclude with elementary logic that they have no rational interest in killing people 12,000 miles away in the name of defending that system.

"We intend to channelize the smouldering rage and frustration of Negro people in to an effective, militant and nonviolent movement of massive proportions in Washington and other areas. Similarly, we will be calling on the swelling masses of young people in this country who are disenchanted with this materialistic society, and asking them to join us in our new Washington movement. We also look for participation by representatives of the millions of non-Negro poor-Indians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Appalachians, and others. And we shall welcome assistance from all Americans of good will.

"And so, we have decided to go to Washington and to use any means of legitimate nonviolent protest necessary to move our nation and our government on a new course of social, economic, and political reform. As I said before, the power to initiate this reform resides in Washington. The President and the Congress have a primary responsibility for low minimum wages, for a degrading system of inadequate welfare, for subsidies of the rich and unemployment and under-

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"employment of the poor, for a war mentality, for slums and starvation, and racism. The survival of a free society depends upon the guarantee and survival of freedom and equality. This is what we seek.

"In the final analysis, SCLC decided to go to Washington because, if we did not act, we would be abdicating our responsibilities as an organization committed to nonviolence and freedom. We are keeping that commitment, and we shall call on America to join us in our forthcoming Washington campaign. In this way, we can work creatively against the despair and indifference that have so often caused our nation to be immobilized during the cold winter and shaken profoundly in the hot summer."

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

[redacted] stated February 21, 1968, that they attended workshop meetings and a general meeting on February 20, 1968. There was no discussion at these meetings relative to the Washington Spring Project. The meetings generally related to the Ministers Leadership Training Program, as outlined in a leaflet distributed to the delegates. [redacted] estimated 20 Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) members among the delegates. He said most of the delegates are ministers from various sections of the United States.

[redacted] stated a press conference was held February 20, 1968, with Dr. ANDREW YOUNG and Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, JR., answering most of the questions. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was not present at the press conference and has not been seen at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors Hotel by any of the security and hotel personnel on February 20, 1968, and the morning of February 21, 1968.

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The group of ministers attending was broken up into workshop units of approximately nine or ten ministers each. Each group had a leader who directed the activities of his workshop.

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The main topic of discussion was, however, "operation bread basket" which is to be put into effect by the ministers when they return to their respective cities. This project is to bring economic pressure upon the white business community in order to secure better jobs, better housing, more pay and to generally improve the conditions of the Negroes in the large ghetto areas.

This project will take the form of a coordinated, concerted effort to bring economic pressure and efforts will be made to coordinate this program throughout the country so that economic pressure can be brought on some specific segment of the economy on a national basis. An example was given wherein picketing and demonstrations could occur simultaneously at a business enterprise such as "Coca Cola" so that on a pre-arranged date and time, pickets and

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demonstrators would appear simultaneously at concerns operated by Coca Cola or any other similar business throughout the country.

There has been no discussion of the Washington Spring Project and the conference is moving along smoothly with no discussion of any expected violence or disturbances which might possibly lead to violence.

Former Senator HARRY P. CAIN (formerly from Washington State, now residing in Miami, Florida) who has offices in the executive suite of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association office building, Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 21, 1968. Senator CAIN advised that he is chairman of the Community Relations Board for Dade County, Florida, and was contacted by two individuals who stated they were aides of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. These aides stated that Reverend KING desired to meet with a small representative group of Miami people involved with the Community Relations Board in order that he might explain in detail what his programs would be for the coming months.

Senator CAIN reported that he was arranging such a meeting and he expects to have approximately forty community leaders present, including representatives from all local newspapers. He stated that the meeting was not for the purpose of obtaining a news story and those attending would be so advised. Senator CAIN reported that the meeting will be held at 12:15 PM, February 22, 1968, in the Terrace Room of the DuPont Plaza Hotel.

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Miami, Florida
February 21, 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
February 23, 1968

RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau on February 21, 1968.

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[redacted] reported on February 22, 1968, that the Ministers Leadership Training Program continues along guidelines previously set out with little or no discussion relating to the Washington Spring Project.

On February 21, 1968, the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received an anonymous telephone call from a male who inquired if the Federal Bureau of Investigation was aware that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Miami, Florida. The caller stated he intended to kill KING and would like to bomb KING's room at the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, Miami, Florida, but feared injuring other people.

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[redacted] the Sheraton-Four Ambassadors Hotel, reported on the evening of February 21, 1968, that the switchboard operator in the hotel received a similar anonymous call shortly before 8:00 PM on February 21, 1968. The caller made reference to a German lugar that he wanted to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING with and/or blow up the hotel.

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On February 21, 1968, [redacted] tentatively identified hotel guest [redacted] Massachusetts, as possibly being responsible for the anonymous call, however, on February 23, 1968, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been eliminated as being responsible for the anonymous calls threatening MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RE: WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT

On February 22, 1968, [redacted] b7D
[redacted] advised
[redacted] attended a meeting at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida, on February 22, 1968. At this meeting, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed a group of local citizens. KING stated that they are planning to take three to four thousand poor people from various sections of the United States to Washington, D. C., and will stay in Washington until something is done for these people. In this regard, KING stated that his organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has the support of some white groups, which he declined to identify.

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advised
[redacted] February 22, 1968, that they have attended the majority of the general meetings excluding the individual workshop type meetings, which are confined to the convention delegates.

They advised the general theme of the convention was along the guidelines of instructing the delegates in ways and means of reaching the people in the ghettos in their particular communities.

They advised the delegates were of variant opinions as to the methods to be used in the civil rights movement in that some were favoring the strictly non-violent approach as opposed to a few who were desirous of a more militant approach.

They advised it appeared to them that some members of SCLC in attendance were attempting to gain support for the Washington Spring Project. They stated that some of the Washington, D. C., ministers in attendance at the convention gave their relevant approval to the Washington Spring Project, providing that the project would be approached in a non-violent manner.

They further advised that it was their impression that possibly two thousand people from fifteen of the country's major cities would participate in the Washington Spring Project and every effort would be made to confine the project to a non-violent theme.

They stated it was their observation that the general feeling of the delegates in attendance at the convention was opposed to STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the militancy that CARMICHAEL advocates.

They advised that the convention is being concluded February 23, 1968, with the last general meeting being held in which MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the key speaker.

They advised that the majority of the delegates will be returning to their respective communities February 23, 1968, and February 24, 1968.

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Date 2/26/68

Martin Luther King, Jr., is attempting to build a demonstration scheduled for April, 1968, at Washington, D. C.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of the Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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